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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU):
RESOLUTION ON UNESCO

1. ON AUGUST 12, CHAIRMAN OF AFRICAN GROUP AT UNESCO,
AMBASSADOR BOISSIER-PALUN OF BENIN, CIRCULATED TO ALL
PARIS-BASED PERMANENT DELEGATES TEXT OF FOLLOWING
"RESOLUTION ON UNESCO" ADOPTED AT THE 27TH SESSION OF
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF OAU:

BEGIN TEXT: RESOLUTION ON UNESCO

QUOTE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
AFRICAN UNITY, MEETING IN ITS 27TH ORDINARY SESSION IN
PORT LOUIS (MAURITIUS), FROM 24 JUNE TO 3 JULY, 1976,

HAVING EXAMINED THE PROSPECTS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE OAU AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNO IN
GENERAL AND BETWEEN THE OAU AND THE UNESCO IN
PARTICULAR;

REAFFIRMING THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH
EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
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ASSEMBLY ON THE ROLE ENTRUSTED TO THE SPECIALIZED

AGENCIES AS REGARDS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF PEACE;

NOTING WITH THE GREATEST SATISFACTION THE EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE OAU AND THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SAID RESOLUTIONS;

RECALLING THE LEGAL OBLIGATION OF MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES TO PAY REGULARLY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUDGETS OF THE SAID ORGANIZATIONS;

NOTING THAT CERTAIN FOUNDER-MEMBER STATES OF THIS ORGANIZATION, ALLEGING THAT UNDER THE PRETEXT THAT SOME DECISIONS HAD BEEN DEMOCRATICALLY ADOPTED BY THE EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DEEM IT FIT TO ABSOLVE THEMSELVES FROM THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM THEIR ADHERENCE TO UNESCO,

1. REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT FOR THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF UNESCO;

2. CONDEMNS ANY PRACTICE WHICH, IN VIOLATION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS BELONGING TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, AT USING THE NON-PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS AS A MEANS OF BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON DECISIONS OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS;

3. COMPLIMENTS THOSE OAU MEMBER-STATES WHICH, LIKE

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OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, HAVE,
BY MEANS OF LOANS, SUPPORTED SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF
THE SAID SYSTEM, AND IN PARTICULAR UNESCO, IN THE
EXTREMELY SERIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION IN WHICH THE LATTER
FIND THEMSELVES;

4. URGENTLY APPEALS TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF OAU, AS
WELL AS ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE UN SYSTEM AND
ESPECIALLY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO RESPECT
THEIR OBLIGATION ARISING FROM THEIR ADHERENCE TO THAT
SYSTEM, AND IN PARTICULAR TO UNESCO, AND TO PAY UP THEIR
STATUTORY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BUDGET OF THE LATTER;

5. REQUESTS THE MEMBER STATES OF OAU TO INTERVENE WITH
ALL THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, AND ESPECIALLY THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO SOLVE THE
PROBLEM ARISING FROM THE FAILURE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
BUDGET OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM AND IN PARTICULAR THAT OF UNESCO;

6. URGENTLY REQUESTS THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF OAU TO
SUBMIT THE PRESENT RESOLUTION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE
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NEXT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT DUE TO BE HELD IN COLOMBO, THE
19TH SESSION OF THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE DUE TO BE
HELD IN NAIROBI AND THE 32ND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. END QUOTE

2. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO LAST OPERATIVE
PARAGRAPH WHICH, INTER ALIA, MAKES CERTAIN THAT SUBJECT
RESOLUTION WILL BE CIRCULATED AS "INFORMATION DOCUMENT"
AT THE 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO.
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